

**MINUTES OF THE
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & LABOR
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 25, House Building

February 10, 2015

Members Present: Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, Senate Chairman
Rep. Dixon M. Pitcher, House Chairman
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Vice Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Evan Vickers
Rep. Johnny Anderson
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. John R. Westwood
Rep. Mark Wheatley
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

Members Absent: Sen. Gene Davis
Rep. James A. Dunnigan

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Rosemary Young, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Sen. Shiozawa called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to approve the minutes of the January 29 and February 4, 2015 meetings. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Harper, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Jeremy Peterson, and Rep. Val Peterson absent for the vote.

Request for Appropriation

Rep. Jeremy Peterson requested \$2.5M one time for Heritage and Arts (Ogden) for a housing grant program to restore historic homes to single family dwellings.

Rep. Gibson assisted by Jeff Miller, Motion Picture Association of Utah, and Sterling Van Wagenen, Sundance Institute co-founder, distributed a handout and requested \$10M one-time for the Utah Center for Digital Arts.

Rep. Gibson requested \$150,000 one-time for Big Outdoors Expo to help rural counties develop in-state tourism and promote all types of outdoor activities.

Sen. Stevenson, assisted by Susannah Hutchins and Kevin Jessing from Bio Utah, distributed a handout and requested \$1.9M on-going for the Technology Commercialization and Innovation Program in order to maximize the ability of Utah life science, IT, aerospace and energy companies to develop companies with market-ready products.

Sen. Adams, assisted by Jansen Davis, Centerpoint Legacy Theatre, distributed a handout and requested \$172,000 one time for seating, rigging, and lighting upgrades and \$10,000 one time for equipment to support the "Friend to Friend" program.

Rep. Anderson, assisted by Seth Jarvis, Director, and Richard Snelgrove, Salt Lake County Council, requested \$750,000 one time for upgrading science exhibits at Clark Planetarium.

Rep. Anderson, assisted by Brent Lange, President Hale Centre Theatre, distributed a handout and requested \$100,000 ongoing to continue to provide affordable family theatre and theatre education.

Rep. Webb, assisted by Doug Lemon, distributed a handout and requested \$100,000 one time for the American Festival Chorus to allow bringing guest artists, to fund advertising along the Wasatch Front, and to provide for professional performance recording.

Rep. Brown, assisted by Ramona Pace, Board of Directors, requested \$40,000 one time to jump start the renovation of the historic Cluff House, near Coalville, Utah, to become a community meeting place.

Rep. Pitcher introduced Greg Jones and Brent Brown, who passed around samples and requested \$3M one time for Advanced Materials Manufacturing Initiatives. Also assisting were Terrance Bright, Ogden City Business Development, who distributed a handout concerning Hill Air Force Base hiring demands, and Brent Hadley, Total Quality Systems.

Rep. Pitcher, assisted by Kevin Sullivan, Aerospace Heritage Foundation, and with a handout requested \$140,000 one time to relocate the Utah Aviation Hall of Fame.

Rep. Froerer, assisted by Alex McDonald, Intermountain Donor Services, distributed a handout and requested \$50,000 one time to support the Good Samaritan Living Kidney Donation Program.

Rep. Froerer, assisted by Mayor Ron Bigelow of West Valley City, distributed a handout and requested \$1M one time for building costs and \$24,000 ongoing for scholarships, programs, and exhibits for a Veterans Hall to remember and honor Utah veterans.

Rep. Westwood reminded the committee that the Utah Summer Games are in their 30th year. With a handout and assisted by Donna Law who represented SUU he requested \$50,000 ongoing to support the Utah Summer Games.

Rep. Barlow, assisted by Melia Tourangeau and Jesselie Anderson, Utah Symphony & Opera, requested \$300,000 one time, the second in a 3 year plan, to help in the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the symphony and for the creation of a documentary of the Mighty 5 Tour conducted in 2014.

Rep. Barlow assisted by Craig Peterson from West Camp requested \$400,000 one time for Governor's Office of Economic Development data analysis to collect the information to determine the cause of failure of 200 small manufacturing businesses.

Rep. Snow, assisted by Jonathan Hafen and Jeff Fisher, Tuacahn Center for the Arts, distributed a handout and requested \$500,000 one time for capital needs.

Sen. Shiozawa, assisted by Sarah George, Executive Director, Natural History Museum of Utah, distributed a handout and requested \$150,000 ongoing to maintain infrastructure and update exhibits.

Rep. Duckworth requested \$20,000 one time to fund ductwork needed for heating the Magna Ethnic & Mining Museum which has to this point only been open in the summer.

Rep. Oda, assisted by Kevin Ireland, head of the Hill Air Force Base Air Show held biannually, requested \$150,000 ongoing to help support the show which charges no admission fee.

Rep. Oda, assisted by Bob Jones of the American Legion and Ken Hoyle, director of Boys State, requested \$75,000 one time to help with tuition, so that students are not priced out of the experience of Girls State and Boys State. A handout was distributed.

Rep. Jeremy Peterson requested \$200,000 one time which will be used over four years to support a grant writer for the Utah Railroad Museum.

Rep. Wilson, assisted by Cynthia Buckingham, Executive Director, and with a handout requested \$25,000 ongoing for outreach and communications to potential program partners and \$50,000 one time in preparation for the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street exhibit for Utah Humanities.

Sen. Bramble, assisted by Melva Sine, Utah Restaurant Association, distributed a handout and requested \$250,000 one time to support the Taste Utah Marketing Initiative.

Sen. Hinkins requested \$50,000 ongoing for the Moab Music Festival

Sen. Hinkins requested \$100,000 one time for the Miners Memorial Monuments

Sen. Hinkins requested \$2.5M one time to improve safety on the Grand County Bike Trail.

Rep. Barlow asked the committee to reconsider funding of \$49,000 for digitization and \$10,000 for scholarships for the Department of Heritage and Arts.

Rep. Stratton, assisted by Paul Warner, Executive Director, requested \$100,000 one time for the American Freedom Festival of Provo.

Sen. Knudsen, assisted by Scott Hansen, legal counsel, requested \$225,000 one time for the World Parliament of Religions Conference to be held in Utah. This is the first time the event has been held in the U.S. in 22 years.

Sen. Okerlund, assisted by Rep. Cox and Alison Anderson from Friends of Historic Spring City, circulated photographs and requested \$900,000 one time for the preservation of an historic school building to be used as a community gathering place. Craig Paulson, builder and mayor, reported that it is primarily finish work that remains to be done.

Sen. Hillyard requested \$100,000 ongoing for the Sports Hall of Fame which honors athletes and referees and provides a scholarship for a Utah high school athlete to a Utah college.

Sen. Hillyard, assisted by Ken White from Utah State University, requested \$1.5M ongoing to provide stipends beyond a scholarship to attract athletes to USU.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Rep. Anderson, and Rep. Wilson absent for the vote.

Sen. Shiozawa adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, Chair

Rep. Dixon Pitcher, Chair

